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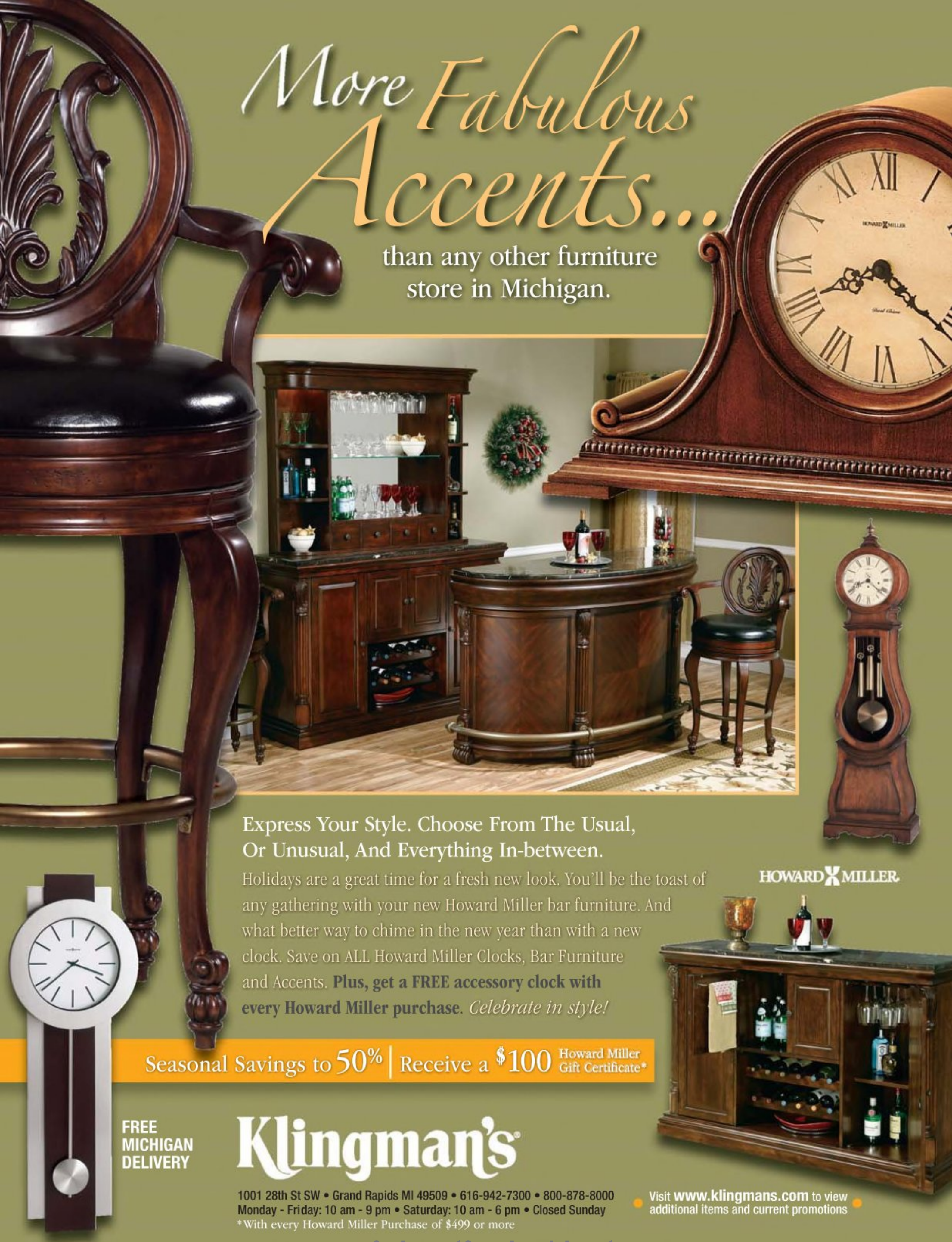


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As I'm writing this, my refrigerator is so stuffed with fresh corn I can barely close the door, a basket of blueberries is on the kitchen counter waiting until there's room in the fridge, fresh beets are roasting in the oven and the sink is stacked with dishes that didn't fit into the dishwasher (summer houseguests!), which made washing the blueberries a little clumsy. By the time this issue hits the stands in mid-September, I'll need room in the refrigerators for apples, cider and fillets of those monster salmon my son brings home from the Crystal River. One oven won't be enough to bake apple and pumpkin pies and broil fresh salmon. I'll have to clear a shelf off in the pantry for jars of wild grape jelly we make every year …

My husband and I just renovated our kitchen two years ago and while I'm still in the stages of new love over it, I didn't completely throw away my kitchen wish list. What would life be like with *two* dishwashers? How much produce could one of those doublewide refrigerators really hold? Would I make pie more often if I had an extra oven? Would the crust really be flakier with a convection oven?

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Which is why I'm thrilled to announce the second annual Ultimate Up North Kitchen Tour on Saturday, October 24—the day homeowners from Manistee to Petoskey open their spectacular kitchens, each designed by a National Kitchen and Bath Association (NKBA) designer, to the kitchen curious. This week I've been poring over photos of the 25 kitchens on this year's tour and editing the designer's statements. I'm delighted by the wide range of kitchen styles on this tour—traditional, modern, elegant cottage, simple cottage, Tuscan—all outfitted with the latest appliances and gadgets. Yes, you'll see double ovens and dishwashers, warming drawers, appliance garages, wine refrigerators, even one of those new induction cooktops.

So round up your pals, purchase your tickets and don't forget paper and pencil—before this day is over you'll be writing your kitchen wish list all over again.

See you on the tour!

Elizabeth Edwards

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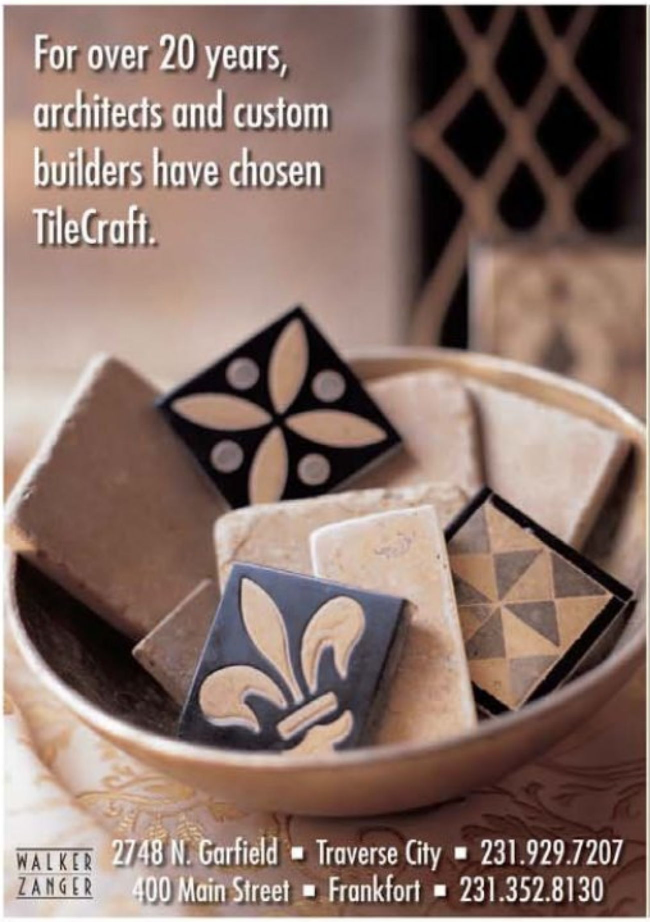
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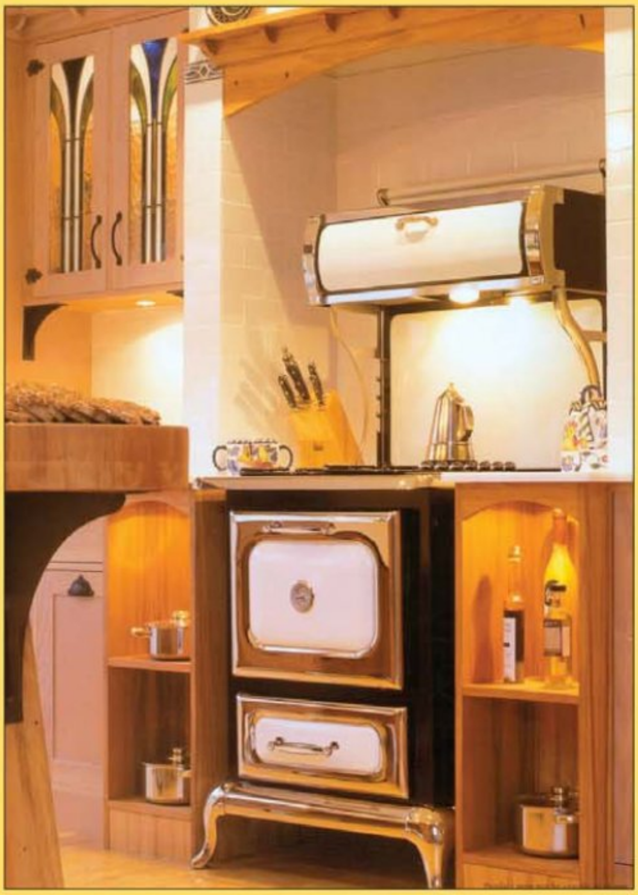
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BY **LAUREN MARMION AND ELIZABETH EDWARDS**



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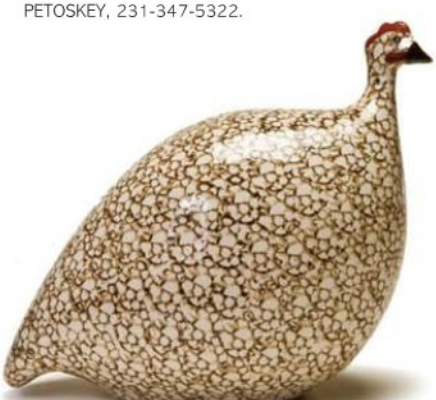


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Not Too Many Cooks

KITCHEN DESIGNER NANCY BLANDFORD CONCOCTED A KITCHEN FOR A WALLOON LAKE COTTAGE THAT SUITS EVERYONE IN THE FAMILY.

TEXT BY **ELIZABETH EDWARDS AND WHITNEY DUQUE**
PHOTOGRAPHS BY **TODD ZAWISTOWSKI**



A tray ceiling helps define the kitchen from the rest of the great room and provides an opportunity for cove lighting. The beautiful character natural hickory floor hides wear well.

Patrick and Sandy Ainslie have two grown children and they each love to cook—but in completely different styles. Elizabeth, 27, is a gourmet cook—the Thanksgiving dinner she whipped up last year at the family's Walloon Lake cottage was superb, Sandy says, "but there was nothing that you'd recognize as your typical turkey and stuffing." Timothy, 29, specializes in breakfast—a meal that he can handle well despite the fact that he is intellectually challenged. One recent summer weekend at the cottage he treated everyone to a homemade pancake and sausage breakfast.

Patrick and Sandy have their own preferred cooking method for when they are up at the lake: for a houseful. Among the guests they love to entertain are old college friends from the 1970's (Patrick graduated from University of Michigan; Sandy from Michigan State). "We're the *The Big Chill* generation," says Sandy with a laugh. "We like to pop the soundtrack in and dance while everyone helps clean up."

When the Ainslie's decided to renovate their 1970's-era kitchen (Sandy's description: "Horrible!") the challenge for kitchen designer Nancy Blandford was clear: outfit a space that makes all the cooks in the family happy. Oh, and imbue the kitchen with the elegant, sophisticated traditional cottage-style that would blend with the rest of the cottage makeover.



The Ainslies bought the pine hutch at a Make-A-Wish Foundation auction. The red dishes are from Toad Hall in Petoskey. The dining room set is by Thomasville. The bar is situated between the great room and the kitchen.





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OPPOSITE: The Kitchen Aid double convection ovens have a touch pad control and a warming drawer below. The pop-up island outlet by Mockett disappears into the island when not in use.

Blandford began with a basic blueprint that opened the kitchen to the great room and its view of and accessibility to Walloon Lake. A generous island created enough workspace for multiple cooks. Setting the cooktop in the island allows the cook to talk to guests in the great room. Since an in-ceiling range hood would block the view, Blandford had a downdraft hood installed that pops out of the island when it is in use and slides back out of view when it isn't.

Distressed cherry cabinets feel refined but easily disguise wear and tear. Ditto for the contrasting black-distressed island. Contrasting granite countertops complement each other and play off the two cabinetry finishes. But the granite choice is more than décor. It can also stand up to most anything Tim dishes out. "If he puts a hot pan on it doesn't matter," Sandy says. "We call that Timmy proof."

A push-button microwave allows Tim to choose from words like "Beverage" or "Hot Dog" rather than calculate cooking times on his own. Likewise the range is electric to minimize the fire danger if he is cavalier with dishtowels and oven mitts. Elizabeth would have preferred gas—but two convection ovens help make up for that. Since the arsenal of other appliances she uses—Cuisinart, blender, etc.,—could pose dangers to Tim, they are stored behind a handsome, roll-top appliance garage when they aren't in use. "Out of sight, out of mind," says Sandy.

A year after the remodel, the ambiance and the workspace are even better than the family dreamed. There's room for everyone—guests and family, including Elizabeth's new husband—to pitch in with the cooking and cleanup. And nights when dinner is over and the doors to the patio off the great room are open to the breeze off Walloon Lake, there's plenty of space for a slow, putting-the-dishes-away boogie to Marvin Gaye's smooth croon of "Heard it Through the Grapevine," from that *Big Chill* soundtrack.

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A Kitchen Tale

CREATIVE HOMEOWNERS, A TALENTED KITCHEN DESIGNER AND A DOSE OF SERENDIPITY TRANSFORM A MASTER BEDROOM INTO AN INGENIOUS KITCHEN.

TEXT BY **ELIZABETH EDWARDS** PHOTOGRAPHS BY **TODD ZAWISTOWSKI**



OPPOSITE: Besides installing rollout shelves and bins behind the doors of the English antique cabinet, kitchen designer Scott Lankford added the row of glass shelving—just wide and tall enough to hold the Richmonds' collection of cream pitchers. A pot filler over the stove cuts down trips to the sink.

Architect Ken Richmond is a wiz at spatial reasoning. Examples of his brilliance abound in the homes and cottages he's designed and renovated across Northern Michigan. But to see how his brain works you need look no further than the circa 1870's home on Boardman Street in Traverse City that he and his wife, Joan, have been carefully remodeling for 18 years. Ken's creative yet functional sense of possibilities greets you as you walk up to the home through a large, lush sunken yard (he dug it out himself), bordered by stacked stone walls and tall hedges. The grassy space opens to a path, almost hidden in lilac bushes and other flora, that leads to an intimate courtyard flanked on one side by the kitchen and the other the master bedroom. Inside the home, Richmond has made sense of the hodgepodge of additions and doorways that had accumulated in the old house over the years, while preserving the scale and charm of the original floor plan. Among strokes that his wife calls "genius," he squeezed out space for a powder room/laundry room between two rooms on the first floor, streamlined doorways in the den so that traffic moves along the side of the room and not through it, and proposed swapping the master bedroom with the kitchen to locate the master bedroom in the more private back of the home.

Even so, Richmond is the first to say that it was simple serendipity that led to the focal point of their kitchen makeover: a massive wall-to-ceiling, intricately carved, white oak antique English cabinet. Back when the kitchen was still a master bedroom, and years before the couple inherited the cabinet

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from Joan's father who'd had it in his office in Cincinnati, the couple added twin drop-ceiling alcoves, one on each side of the room, to their bedroom. When the cabinet was eventually delivered to Traverse City, it fit as snugly against the wall between the two alcoves as if Ken had measured and schemed it into place.

Enter Scott Lankford, kitchen designer and Ken's creative alter ego (the two have teamed up on a number of home projects), to help take a grand kitchen beginning to its efficient conclusion. In keeping with the antique-juxtaposed-with-modern theme that runs through the rest of the house, Lankford oversaw the fabrication of two minimalist work stations to fit into the alcoves—one is outfitted with the sink, a drawer-dishwasher and two deep, rollout drawers. The other houses the range and more drawers. A stainless rolling counter in the middle of the room provides added workspace and storage. Counter-to-ceiling stainless backsplashes in each workstation bounce light from new French doors, with matching transoms, that lead into the courtyard between the kitchen and (newly renovated) master bedroom. A Venetian glass chandelier the Richmonds bought in Rome plays off all the reflections and complements the antique cabinet.

More utilitarian magic is around the corner in the pantry—formerly the master bedroom closet—where the refrigerator is tucked. Lankford clad the walls, shelves and refrigerator in creamy beadboard to give it the feeling of an old-fashioned pantry. Shelves are open and shallow so that dry goods can be easily reached. A drop-down shelf functions both as a prep table and, during parties, as a mini wine and cheese bar. Lankford covered the ceiling of the tiny room in mirror—when you look up the effect is like wandering into a wonderful old library alcove where the shelves rise for stories. It's a fun, fitting detail in this home and kitchen where space seems a medium for enchantment.

*Elizabeth Edwards is managing editor at **Northern Home & Cottage**. Find resources for this kitchen on page 47*



The backsplash railing is adjustable and accessories (including the small shelf and utensil bar) can be added or removed. Kitchen designer Scott Lankford designed the "loft" for cutlery to make use of extra space in the deep pullout silverware drawer next to the dishwasher. The sink drying rack slides and is removable. The Manor House faucet by Franke provides contrast to the minimalist sink and backsplash.



THIS PAGE: The kitchen's simple white beadboard backdrop allows the stained glass cabinet door by Jordan Valley Glassworks to shine. OPPOSITE: The kitchen before the remodel.



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Inner Cottage Reveal

EVEN A 1970'S REMODEL COULDN'T COVER UP THIS KITCHEN'S SWEET COTTAGE SOUL.

TEXT BY **ELIZABETH EDWARDS** PHOTOGRAPHS BY **TODD ZAWISTOWSKI**



One summer when he was a teenager, John Fagan stayed with friends in their circa 1913 cottage on the south arm of Lake Charlevoix. The vintage Northern Michigan cottage was simple and honest with open stud walls built of warm, beautiful wood. Even when he married and moved to California, John never forgot that cottage and the way the morning light played off the lake—or the kitchen remodel that summer that updated the antique cottage kitchen to a cramped galley with a window over the sink that looked into an attached laundry room/porch—not out into the lush Northern yard.

Even after he and his wife, Lynn, moved to Lake Tahoe, California, they'd bring their family to spend two weeks a summer renting a cottage several doors down from the one John stayed in as a teenager. Then one summer they noticed a For Sale sign in front of the old cottage. Eventually they bought it and for eight years basked in idyllic summers at the cottage—and endured the 1970's kitchen. "I only used the grill—and I love to cook," Lynn says.

Last year they asked Robin Berry of Berry Nice Kitchen Designs to help them update the kitchen. Berry drew them out five different blueprints. "Choosing one was the only hard part," says Lynn. The Fagans settled on a plan that opened up views of the lake and yard by removing two kitchen walls: one shared with the laundry room/porch and the other with the upstairs staircase and the living room. Berry went on to stack the washer and dryer under the steps and outfitted an island with plenty of storage and the microwave. She even found room in the plan for a second sink.

Builder Marty Ernst ripped of the drop ceiling to expose a century-old wood and joist system. White beadboard walls and cabinet doors, and a fir floor washed with a blue stain round out the vintage cottage feel. Lynn says everyone loves the flow and feel of the new kitchen—and that she's not grilling *everything* anymore.

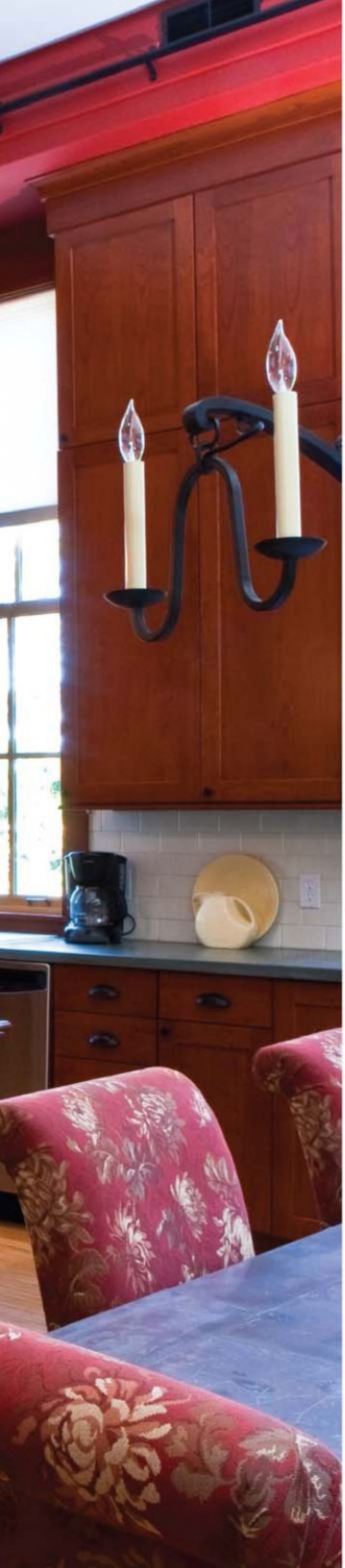
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THIS PAGE: The wooden island is from Wilson's Antiques in Traverse City. The dining room tabletop is a steel door salvaged from the building. OPPOSITE: The Statens' unit under renovation. Note the wooden arch that John built.

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Building 50 Redux

IF YOU WERE A CARPENTER, WHAT WOULD YOU DO WITH YOUR OWN UNIT IN THE VILLAGE AT GRAND TRAVERSE COMMONS?

TEXT BY **ELIZABETH EDWARDS** PHOTOGRAPHS BY **TODD ZAWISTOWSKI**



John Staten laughs when he tells the story of how he and his wife, Diane, came to own a unit in Building 50, the largest of the gracious 19th-century Victorian Italianate-style buildings in The Village at Grand Traverse Commons—the 63-acre former Traverse City State Hospital complex that developer Ray Minervini has engineered into one of the most massive historic preservation and adaptive reuse redevelopments in the country. The Statens still lived in the Detroit area when Minervini, a longtime friend of John's, launched the Commons renovation in the summer of 2000. "He called I don't know how many times asking me to come and see the project and maybe give him a hand," says Staten, who is a carpenter. "Finally I said I'd come for two weeks. I did and I've been here five years now."

Minervini offered John the job of foreman of the fleet of carpenters who work at the complex. Eventually, John and Diane purchased their unit. The spacious, unfinished space came with a wealth of historic architectural elements including solid maple floors, brick walls and soaring 13-foot ceilings. John did most of the renovation work himself. One of his greatest feats was removing the brick wall between the rooms that were slated to become the dining room and kitchen, replacing it with an arch faced with the old bricks—each painstakingly sliced longwise to lighten the load on the wall. "Ray would drop in as I was working and tell me, you know you're crazy," John says. "I'd say, 'I know.'"

The Statens chose Mission style furnishings to complement the building's history. In the kitchen, Diane worked with Northwood Kitchens designer Jennifer Henderson to translate that style into a bank of counter-to-ceiling cherry cabinets, accessed by a rolling ladder, that exude the warm, wood-crafted looks that define the Mission period. A white porcelain farmhouse sink helps play out the vintage look, while stainless appliances are a crisp foil. If a recent and very successful dinner party for 35 ("We just pushed back the couch," John says) is any indicator, the Statens' new kitchen is writing its own rich history.

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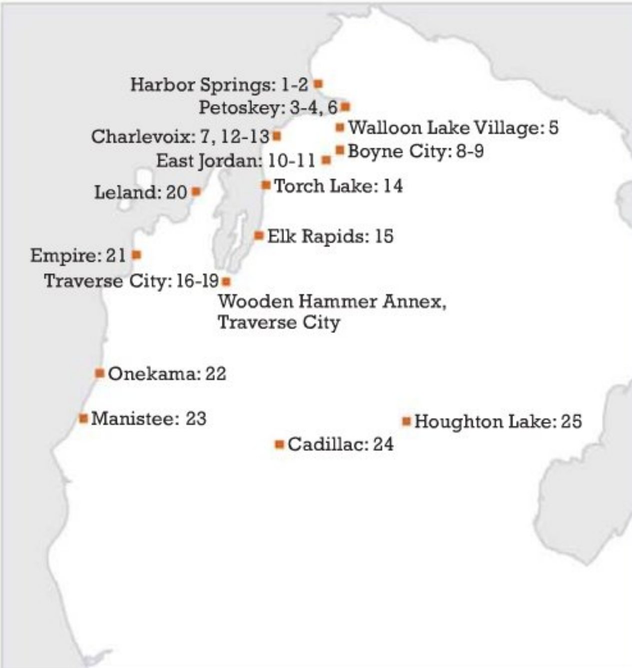
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4260 Pine Hill

DESIGNER: Kathy McCreight, CKD, Classic Cabinets and Interiors, Petoskey, 231-439-9294, classiccabinets@sbcglobal.net

The challenge for McCreight was to update a 40-plus-year-old kitchen with a dose of sophistication while also preserving storage space. Removing the wall between the kitchen and dining area and adding a bar opened up the kitchen to the living room for extended family gatherings. Cherry cabinets highlighted with chocolate glaze set a gracious tone that's not too formal. Imperial Brown granite on the countertops along with textured Venetian glass accents in the backsplash add glam. McCreight found extra storage space by extending the cabinets to the ceiling and adding cabinets to the back of the bar. New Energy Star models replaced the aging refrigerator and dishwasher.

DRIVING DIRECTIONS: From U.S.-31 & M-119 go 6.3 miles north on M-119 to flashing light at Park St. (it becomes Lake St.) turn right, go 1.5 miles to Cemetery Rd., turn right. 4/10 mile to Pine Hill, turn left. First house on right, corner of Cemetery & Pine Hill.



2 Fairbanks/Auer, Harbor Springs 1119 Catob Rd.

DESIGNER: Pumco Interiors, Petoskey, 800-467-8626, pumcointeriors.com

The honey tones of oak cabinetry set a golden palette for this kitchen remodel. Golden Lightning Granite countertops and backsplash pick up the hues, and the stainless range backsplash and hood reflect them. Under-cabinet lighting and interior lighting in the glass cabinet cast their own warm glow come evening. Large turn posts on either side of the sink base dress up this room, which houses a surprising amount of storage thanks to a new pantry, rollout shelving and ceiling-height cabinets. Custom cabinet panels were added to both the Sub-Zero refrigerator and freezer in order to match the cabinets, finishing off this homey room.

DRIVING DIRECTIONS: From U.S.-31 & M-119 go 3.2 miles north on M-119 to stop light at Pleasantview Rd. Turn right, go 2 miles to Catob Rd., turn left, go 1.2 miles, house is on left side.



3 Jansen, Petoskey

8431 Channel Rd.

DESIGNER: Dawn Whyte, Designs by Dawn, Petoskey, 231-347-1977, lakestreetdesignstudio.com

Old World meets rustic elegance in Whyte's signature design for a young family looking for a cozy gathering spot as well as a place to cook and entertain. The heart of the kitchen is a magnificent stone hearthlike hood that surrounds the range and a slate backsplash—evoking the feel of a grand fireplace. Warm-toned granite countertops and contrasting distressed cabinet continue the theme. This inviting space belies an arsenal of high-end cooking appliances including a steamer, warming drawer, extra large refrigerator and refrigerated drawers in the island. The walk-in pantry is a demi-kitchen unto itself. On this tour-stop you will also see the family's remarkable Whyte-designed outdoor kitchen.

DRIVING DIRECTIONS: From U.S.-31 & M-119 go east. on N. U.S.-31 7/10 mile to flashing light at Pickerel Lake Rd., turn right, go 3.5 miles: Pickerel Lake Rd. becomes Channel Rd, continue straight 4.4 miles to house on left, where road becomes gravel.



4 Engle, Petoskey

1165 Grand Ridge Dr.

DESIGNER: Brodie Smith, North Country Cabinets, Petoskey, 231-348-2869, northcountrycabinets.com

Custom alder cabinetry, stained and glazed medium brown, paired with a black-glazed alder floor create the warm, clean-lined backdrop for this sophisticated rustic kitchen. Green galaxy granite countertops and creamy subway tiles pop against a sublime background. But the real focal point is a two-tiered distressed black island topped with elegant slabs of three-inch-thick distressed walnut. High-end appliances keep this stunning kitchen cooking.

DRIVING DIRECTIONS: From U.S.-31 & M-119 go east on N. U.S.-31 31 mile to Manvel Rd., turn right. 3/10 mile to Country Club Rd., turn left 2/10 mile to Grand Ridge, left to house at end of cul-de-sac.



5 Vick, Walloon Lake

828 North Shore Dr.

DESIGNER: Laura Gray, Northern Michigan Hardwoods, Petoskey, 231-347-4575, nmhardwoods.com

Gray's design for this kitchen in a log-and-chink cabin on Walloon Lake captured the home's vintage spirit while updating it with the amenities of a modern vacation home. Knotty pine paneling, the original wood floor and a white plank ceiling set the stage for a mix of cabinetry styles that evoke the eclectic feel of a much-loved room that has evolved over generations. A wall of clean-lined maple cabinets faces deep red-finished cabinetry with two complementary door styles. Next to the red cabinetry, a watery-blue, open-backed shelf mounted on the log walls is as much a showcase for the log wall as the dishware it displays. The colors of Walloon Lake are reflected in twin tumbled-glass tile backsplashes.

DRIVING DIRECTIONS: From U.S.-131 & M-75 N. go west on M-75 3/10 mile. As you come into Walloon Village, M-75 veers to left, stay straight on North Shore Dr., 1.5 miles to house on left.



6 Gross, Petoskey

4400 Lake Grove Rd.

DESIGNER: Liz Firebaugh, Signature Kitchens, Petoskey, 231-439-0100, signaturekitchensonline.com

This gracious, commanding kitchen is anchored in a black granite-topped island flanked on each end by two custom oval-shaped furniture pieces executed in rich cherry. One of the pieces is a table for bar-height seating, while the other holds a series of bow-front drawers. Firebaugh equipped this multi-functional island with an oven, microwave drawer, refrigerator drawers and a diminutive 15-inch cooktop for small cooking projects. The kitchen is framed in lovely creamy white cabinetry that is rich with detail from its open shelving to its arched molding. A commercial side-by-side refrigerator and freezer are conveniently set in the butler's pantry—a space with its own charm outfitted with mullioned glass doors for storage and display.

DRIVING DIRECTIONS: From U.S.-31 & U.S.-131 go west on U.S.-31 toward Charlevoix. 3 miles to Lake Grove Rd. turn left 3.4 miles to house on right.



7 Klender, Charlevoix

06761 Nine Mile Point

DESIGNER: Kristen Bauer Frye, Williams Kitchen & Bath, Pellston, 231-539-8941, williamskitchen.com

In this eclectic home that expresses the feminine free spirit of its owner, Frye designed a kitchen that is a warm, inviting open space. Pecan Dynasty cabinetry was softened with an aster finish and a porcelain glaze. Marble countertops granite Bianco Romano with flecks of plum complemented the owner's existing aubergine-colored furnishings. Hand-made light fixtures and white appliances add a feeling of warmth. Hand-designed trillium tiles became a backsplash accent and pulled together the etched accent glass used in the cabinets. But the real showpiece of the space is the wood hood above the slide-in range, which draws the corner of the kitchen.

DRIVING DIRECTIONS: From U.S.-31 & U.S.-131 go west on U.S.-31 toward Charlevoix 7.8 miles to Nine Mile Pointe. Turn right, 3/10 mile to house on left.



8 Ainslie, Boyne City

7632 Valley Brook

DESIGNER: Nancy Blandford, Built In Design, Boyne City, 231-582-6961, nancy@builtindesign.net

Blandford's sophisticated design for this elegant country kitchen with its cherry cabinetry, art-worthy granite countertops, knotty hickory floors, tray ceiling with cove up-lighting and sunny golden painted walls belies an efficient, fun workspace. The cooktop in the copper canyon granite-topped island faces the great room, so the cook can interact with guests. Five people can gather comfortably at the island. Barista equipment is hidden in an appliance garage tucked into a peninsula that separates the kitchen from the dining room. Add to all these details a nine-foot wet bar that flows into the great room with its view of Walloon Lake and this room is always where the party is.

DRIVING DIRECTIONS: From U.S.-31 & U.S.-131 go west on U.S.-31 toward Charlevoix 4.4 miles to Camp Daggett Rd., turn left 3.6 miles to Reycraft Rd., turn left, 1.1 miles to Zenith Heights Rd., turn left 3/10 mile to Flagg Rd., turn right 2/10 mile to Valley Rd. turn left 3/10 mile to house on right.



9 Buhalis, Boyne City

3468 Spring Water Beach Rd.

DESIGNER: Heather Guss, Advance Electric, Gaylord, 989-732-2485, advanceelectric.com

Soft cream-colored main cabinets with a distressed finish contrast with dark wood floors and a walnut island countertop to blend feminine and masculine sensibilities in this sophisticated Up North kitchen design. Guss successfully united these yin and yang elements with chocolate-and-cream mottled Giallo Ornamental granite countertops. Paneled appliances to match the cabinetry minimize the modern look of stainless steel, as does the wood mantle range hood. Gold walls and a luxe chandelier over the elegant dining table complete this stylish cottage kitchen.

DRIVING DIRECTIONS: From U.S.-31 & Boyne City/Charlevoix Rd.(C-56) go east on BC/Char. Rd. 11.6 miles to Spring Water Beach Rd. turn right 3/10 mile to house on right (Lakeside).



10 Darooge, East Jordan

2900 Hobbs Lane

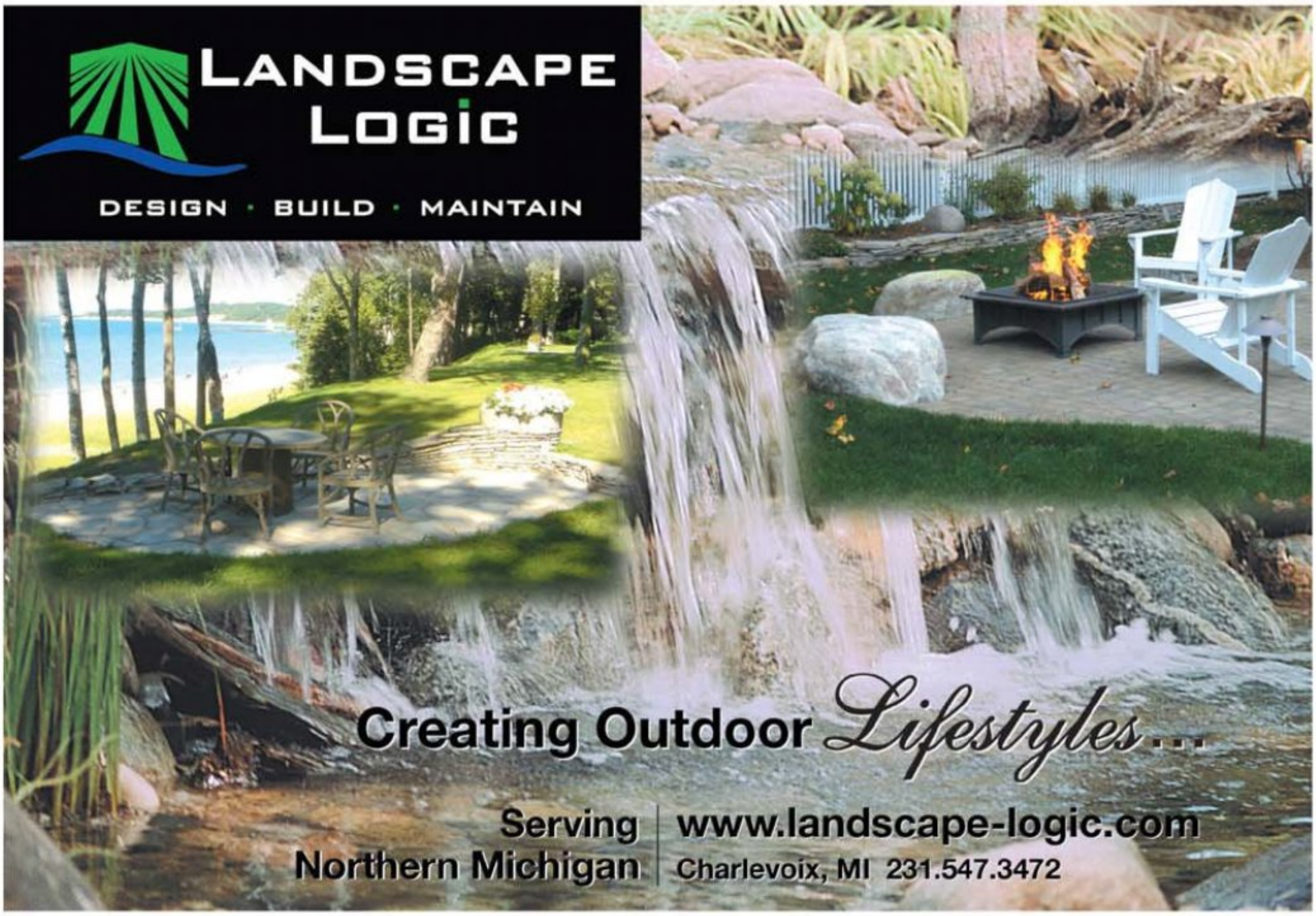
DESIGNER: Liz Firebaugh, Signature Kitchens, Petoskey, 231-439-0100, signaturekitchensonline.com

Firebaugh's design for this Lake Charlevoix home is anchored in a nuanced palette inspired by the home's wooded shoreline setting. White painted cabinets, a backsplash of demi tiles in shades of sand, moss and pale blue, Riva Crème granite countertops and a walnut floor all enhance this kitchen's fresh cottage style. The designer outfitted the kitchen with details, from the flagstone wall that anchors the peninsula visible through the glass-doors of a cabinet to distinctive retro cabinet latches in polished chrome. The compact work zone is for serious cooks—and includes a commercial range, large refrigerator and double ovens—but a generous two-level peninsula provides plenty of room for entertaining.

DRIVING DIRECTIONS: From Boyne City/Charlevoix Rd (C-56) & State St. go south on BC/Char. Rd. (Lake St. in town) 3/10 mile to west. Main St., turn right. go 1.2 miles (Main becomes Front St. which becomes Marshall Rd) make a slight right onto Lake Shore Dr. go 4.5 miles (Lake Shore Dr. becomes Lake Shore Rd. which becomes Ferry Rd.) turn right on Hobbs Lane, house on right.


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11 Fagan, East Jordan

00880 Eveline Orchard Rd.

DESIGNER: Robin Hissong Berry, CMKBD/CAPS, Berry Nice Kitchens, Boyne City, 231-582-5807

Berry's fresh design for this kitchen makeover uncovered the room's inner cottage style. Removing the drop ceiling exposed weathered and rustic planks and beams. White beadboard walls and cabinets and fir flooring washed in a blue stain celebrate a quintessential cottage look. Removing the wall between a former laundry and the kitchen added important elbowroom, and new windows and a glass-fronted door to the patio let in much needed light. This simple, airy background is a wonderful foil for the sea-green bar countertop, contemporary pendant lights and a bright-green trimmed stained glass cupboard door. New appliances and full extension drawers make cooking and cleanup in this sweet little cottage kitchen a breeze.

DRIVING DIRECTIONS: From U.S.-31 & M-66 go east on South M-66 7.7 miles to Phelps Rd., turn left 2/10 miles to Eveline Orchard Rd., turn right 1/10 mile to house on left.



12 Wellford, Charlevoix

407 Belvedere Club

DESIGNER: Bonnie Hill, Preston Feather, Harbor Springs, 231-348-1312, prestonfeather.com

The challenge for Hill in this remodel of an old cottage kitchen? Make it function for the four families (including nine young cousins) who use the cottage, sometimes all at the same time—and maintain its fun vintage feel. The designer more than met both demands by outfitting the kitchen with cream-colored cabinets glazed in chocolate brown, dark flooring and walnut counters. New and old beadboard blends together beautifully, and hot green accented Harlequin tile backsplash and blown-glass pendant lights bridge vintage and contemporary styles—and offer a splash of color in the kitchen to complement the abundant use of color in the rest of the cottage.

DRIVING DIRECTIONS: From U.S.-31 & M-66 go north on U.S.-31 9/10 mile to Belvedere Ave. (7-11 on corner) turn right 4/10 mile to cul-de-sac on left, white house on right of cul-de-sac.



13 Olson, Charlevoix

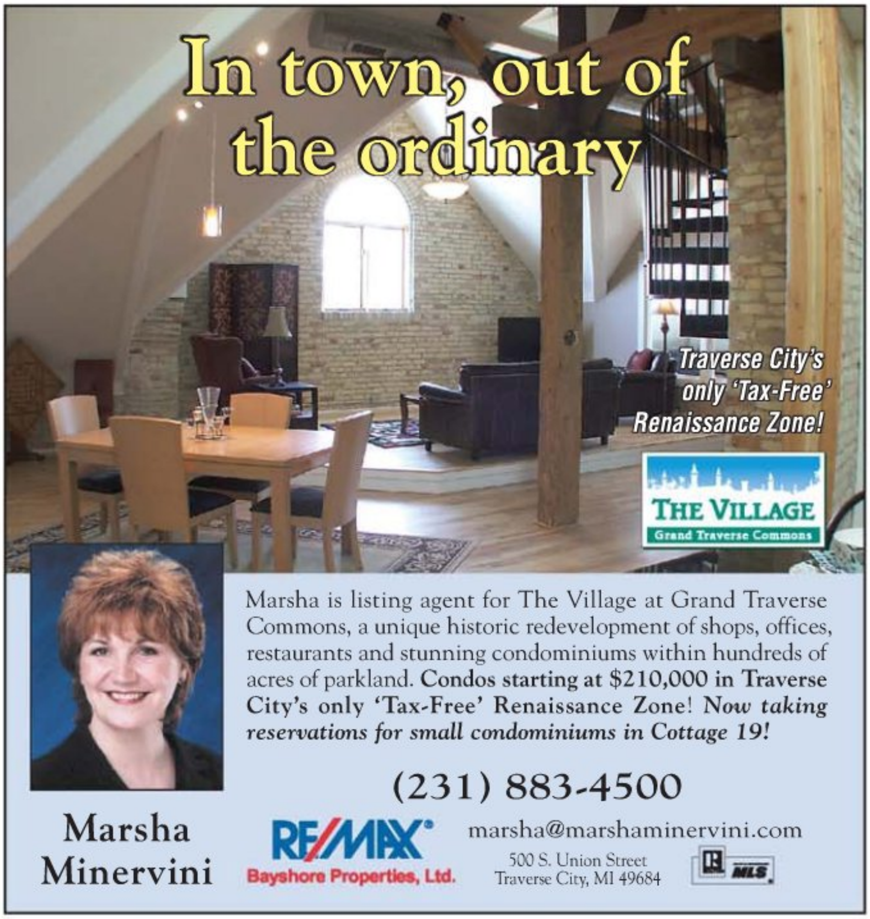
13064 Cedar St.

DESIGNER: Angie Cyr Richter of Designing Women, 231-347-8402, designingwomen.angie@yahoo.com

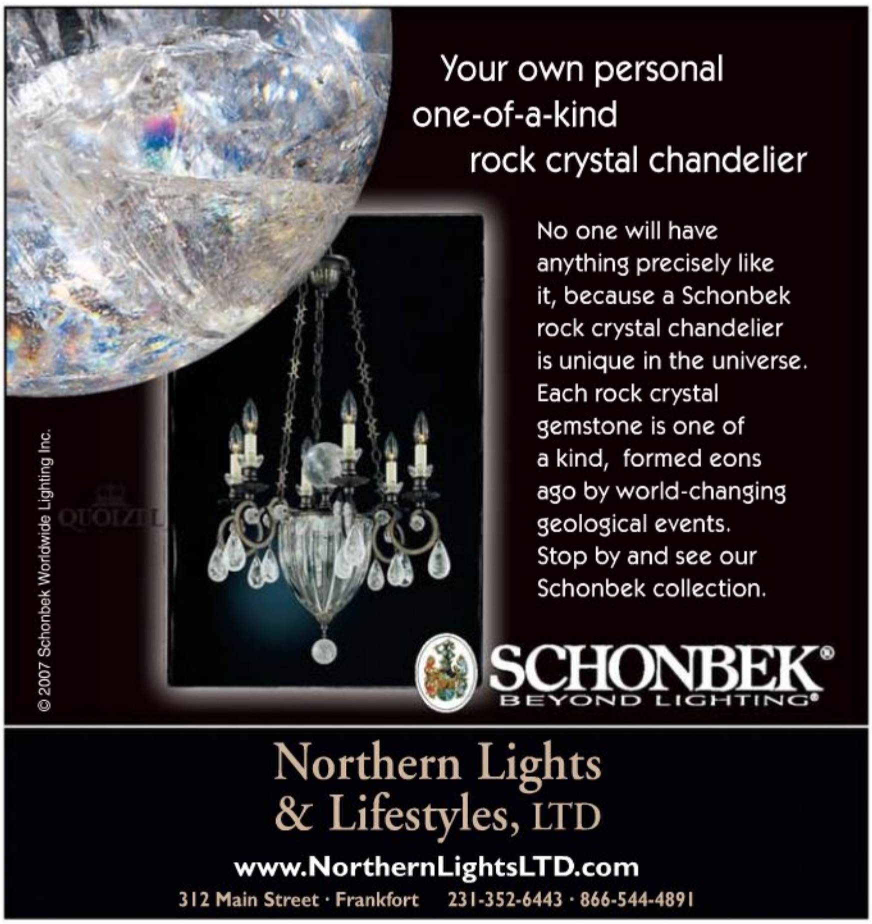
Traditional Shaker cabinetry outlined in burgundy maple molding define Richter's distinctive design for this light-filled, contemporary cottage-style kitchen in a Charlevoix home on Lake Michigan. Stainless hardware on the cabinetry adds a lovely transitional detail to the kitchen's modern elements—a black Ubatuba granite countertop, a black-and-stainless range, an angled island with stainless bar stools and a ceramic and granite tile floor laid in a diamond pattern. The black refrigerator and a stainless range hood blend in handsomely. A built-in pantry adds convenience, and a Z bar designed by Richter to overlook the sunken living room makes entertaining especially fun and functional.

DRIVING DIRECTIONS: From U.S.-31 & Boyne City/Charlevoix Rd. (C-56), south on US 31 8/10 mile to Mercer Blvd., turn right. 1 mile to Cedar St. turn left 1/10 mile to house on left.


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14 Gerhard, Torch Lake

1394 Leech Lane

DESIGNER: Sara Busby, Sara Busby Design, Elk Rapids, 231-264-9511, sarabusbydesign.com

Busby designed a family kitchen that reflects the warmth of the surrounding wood and water. Knotty cherry kitchen cabinetry in a custom door repeats the unique craftsman detail of the nearby staircase. Black accents on the island mimic the iron railing of the loft above. Sage green and gold colors in the walls and ceramic tile of the floor complement the woodsy atmosphere. The sink holds a commanding spot, providing wonderful Torch Lake views. The island, with its lovely chandelier, is the perfect space to set up a buffet or play games with the family. Plenty of storage space can be found in a custom depth pantry wall for easy access.

DRIVING DIRECTIONS: From U.S.-31 & M-88 go south on US 31 3.8 miles to Leech Lane (across from Torchport Airport), turn left 2/10 mile to house on left (lakeside). Garage on road, house below. Note: Tour goers must park on road & walk down the drive to this house; there is no room to park at the house.



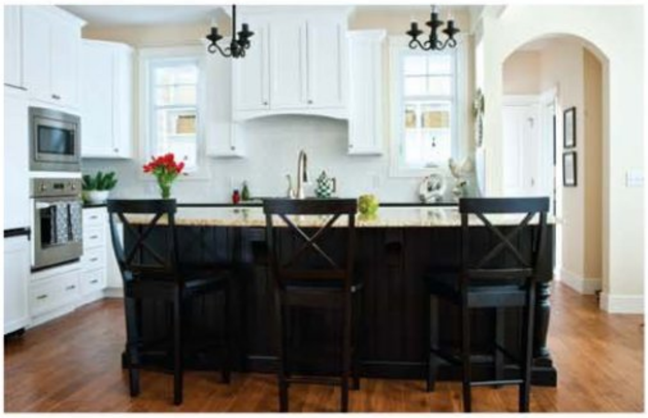
15 Vor Broker, Elk Rapids

8893 Cairn Hwy

DESIGNER: Angela Goodall, Kitchen Choreography, Traverse City, 231-932-9700, kitchenchoreography.net

Designed for large family gatherings on beautiful Elk Lake, this kitchen features a layout that can accommodate guests while maintaining perfect function and flow. The unique placement of windows and pass-through allow an uncompromised view and an abundance of natural light with lakeshore reflections that are accentuated by the glass tile backsplash. Sophisticated stainless accents bring a modern feel to the clean lines of the painted inset cabinetry, while the brushed glazing sets the tone for gentle hues. The alder island invites family to participate and makes a connection to the rest of the home.

DRIVING DIRECTIONS: From U.S.-31 & Ames St (stop light in Elk Rapids), go east on Ames 1.2 miles, Ames becomes Cairn Hwy continue 4/10 mile to house on right (lakeside).



16 Domres, Traverse City

1749 Strasbourg

DESIGNER: Heather Neal, Wooden Hammer Annex, Traverse City, 231-922-2228, woodenhammer.com

A fresh, functional attitude with a dose of glam define Neal's design for this kitchen. White painted cabinetry, white subway tile and Absolute Black granite countertops frame the perimeter, while the room's centerpiece is a generous island that features distressed black cabinets and a New Venetian Gold granite top. Stainless steel appliances blend with luxe touches like satin cord covers on the chandeliers and turned legs under the countertops. It all sits atop a distressed hardwood floor and under a stylish beaded ceiling—a backdrop that is as timeless as it is elegant.

DRIVING DIRECTIONS: From U.S.-31 & 3-Mile Rd. go south on 3-Mile 2.4 miles to Hammond Rd., turn right 4/10 mile to Burgenstock St., turn left to end, turn right on Vienna Way to end, turn left on Strasbourg to house on right.

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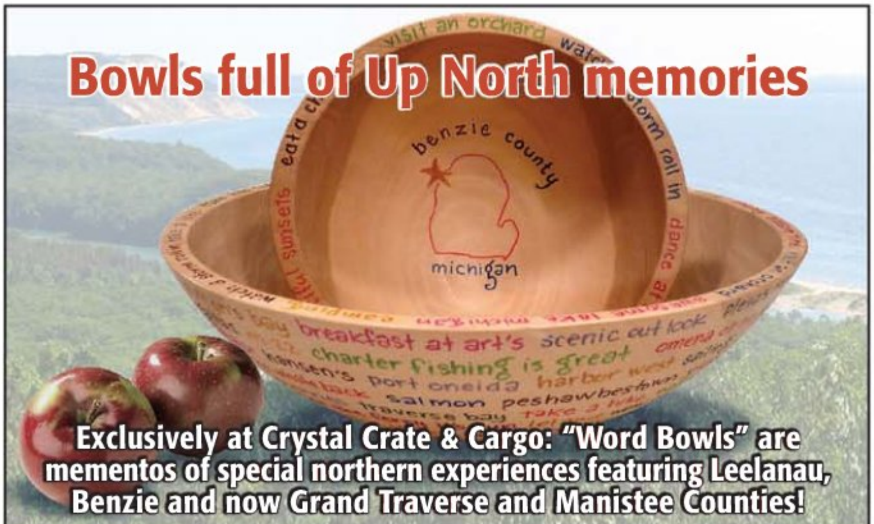
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17 Bailey, Traverse City

888 Lost Nations Trail

DESIGNER: Deborah Mahon, Eyewood Design, Inc., Interlochen, 231-275-5457, eyewood.com

This sophisticated cottage-style formal kitchen with its adjoining work kitchen feels like part of a European country estate. The formal kitchen is laid out with his and her islands, one separating the kitchen from the great room and one in the center of the room with plenty of seating. Custom white-painted cabinetry that includes a generous glass-fronted cabinet, a cooking alcove trimmed in a wide mantel, honed black Silestone countertops and a dark chocolate-colored wood floor, create classic elegance. Lemon yellow walls, a white-painted exposed-beam ceiling and red accents keep the style refreshingly casual. The work kitchen has a three-compartment sink and custom stainless countertops—perfect for creating and cleaning up big feasts.

DRIVING DIRECTIONS: From U.S.-31 & M-37(Garfield Rd.) go north on M-37 $^{7}/_{10}$ mile to Peninsula Dr., turn left 4.6 miles to Lost Nations Trail, turn right $^{3}/_{10}$ mile to house on right.



18 Richmond, Traverse City

333 Boardman Ave.

DESIGNER: Scott Lankford, Lankford Design Group, Traverse City, 231-932-0470, lankfordgroup.com

Lankford's design for Traverse City architect Ken Richmond and his wife, Joan, began with a major challenge: turn the master bedroom in the Richmonds' historic home into the kitchen. That mission included incorporating a massive English antique cabinet into the not-so-big room. Lankford turned the old walk-in closet into a pantry, then outfitted the antique cabinet with rollout shelves for dish storage—all hidden behind the cabinet's old doors. Minimalist stainless steel clean up and cooking stations serve as a counterpoint to the heavily textured bookcase. New French doors that open on to a courtyard round out this renovation that is at once fun, funky and classic.

DRIVING DIRECTIONS: From U.S.-31 & M-37 (Garfield Rd) go south on Garfield (M-37) $^{2}/_{10}$ mile to Washington Street, turn right 1 mile to Boardman, turn left to house with 4 large columns on left between alley and Webster.



19 Staten, Traverse City

830 Cottage View

DESIGNER: Jennifer Henderson, Northwood Kitchens, Traverse City, 231-941-1470, northwoodkitchens.com

In her stellar design for this kitchen in Traverse City's 19th-century Building 50, Henderson played off the 14-foot ceilings with a striking seven-foot bank of cherry cabinets that rise to the ceiling and are accessible by a rolling library ladder. The cabinetry is complemented by a massive antique apothecary chest, a painted wood island made from an antique counter and a table fabricated from a steel door discarded from Building 50. By adding a subway tile backsplash, an apron-fronted sink and sleek stainless appliances, the designer lent this kitchen a one-of-a-kind brand of sophistication.

DRIVING DIRECTIONS: From U.S.-31/M-37 & 8th St. go south on U.S.-31/M-37 $^{2}/_{10}$ mile to W. 11th St., turn right, $^{2}/_{10}$ mile to S. Elmwood turn right, $^{2}/_{10}$ mile to Green Dr., turn left $^{3}/_{10}$ mile to Cottage View, turn left, to Building 50 3rd floor. Watch for signs.



20 Swy, Leland

5805 N. Birchwood

DESIGNER: Sandra Bargiel CKD, Bay Cabinetry L.L.C., Traverse City, 231-946-6882, baycabinetry.com

An artful integration of this sophisticated kitchen into a new log home on Lake Michigan marks Bargiel's distinctive design. Hand-hewn log walls are the backdrop for vintage-style, distressed black painted cabinets. Historically correct 3/8 inch inset doors with burnished pewter hinges round out the look. Seedy glass cabinetry, lit from within, above and below, displays china, silver and glassware. The seated kitchen island with its warm, butternut wood top and fireplace-based conversation area are perfect for entertaining. Circa 1930 reproduction dome lighting complements the strong, beautiful design element of the logs. Top of the line appliances make this kitchen a cook's dream.

DRIVING DIRECTIONS: From M-72W & M-22 go north on M-22 (W. Bay Shore Dr.) 15.3 miles to M-204 (W. Race St.). Turn left onto M-204/W. Race Street (becomes Duck Lake Rd), 7.2 miles, to M-22 (N. Manitou Trail) turn right 6.2 miles to N. Birchwood Dr., turn left 2/10 mile, house on the left.



21 Diggins, Empire

11002 S. Lake Michigan

DESIGNER: Elizabeth Jerore, Wooden Hammer Annex, Traverse City, 231-922-2228, woodenhammer.com

Jerore performed magic in this long, narrow kitchen, transforming it into a multi-tasking dream of Old World sophistication. The multi-tiered island houses refrigerator drawers, dish drawers, microwave drawer, open shelving for everyday dishes, and an attached butcher block table with charming turned legs that make it look like a free-standing table. A custom-designed hutch, complete with a rollout counter, houses the bar. This economy of space allowed for a dining table that seats 14. The furniture-style cabinetry revolves around a range top set into a footed maple chest. Cabinetry finishes include distressed sienna maple, coffee-glazed almond and barn red.

DRIVING DIRECTIONS: From M-72(E. Traverse Hwy) & M-22 (W.Bay Shore Dr.) go west 22.4 miles to Empire. Turn right 2/10 mile then go straight on S. Lacore Rd. 9/10 mile to S. Lake Michigan Dr., turn left 3/10 mile to house on right (Lake Michigan side).



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22 MacArthur, Onekama

4735 Crescent Beach Rd.

DESIGNER: Pam Schindlbeck, Pamela's Interiors, Design & Construction, Inc., Manistee, 231-723-8688, pamelasinteriors.net

Brent MacArthur wanted the kitchen to feel rich and traditional. His wife, Rashal, leaned toward a more streamlined, modern look. Schindlbeck seamlessly merged both styles in this spacious kitchen with its stately cherry cabinetry, black granite countertop and black accent cabinetry. Dark red cherry ceilings add a burst of color and echo art pieces that hang on the wall. A frosted glass mosaic backsplash mixes the kitchen's modern red and black color scheme with the light gray blues of beach glass found near the Portage Lake home. A large commercial range, and buffet for serving guests make this gorgeous kitchen perfect for entertaining.

DRIVING DIRECTIONS: From U.S.-31 & Nine Mile Rd (CR 598) go south on U.S.-31 1 mile to 8 Mile Rd., turn right 1.5 miles to M-22/First St. (becomes Crescent Beach Rd.), turn left 1.6 miles to house on left.



23 Rose, Manistee

3062 Lakeshore Rd.

DESIGNER: Pam Schindlbeck, Pamela's Interiors, Design & Construction, Inc., Manistee, 231-723-8688, pamelasinteriors.net

This Tuscan-styled makeover was inspired by the homeowners' recent trip to Italy. Schindlbeck began with a rich, earthy color palette including deep-color stained wood cabinets and oil-rubbed bronze accents. The floor is terra cotta-colored porcelain tile laid in a diagonal pattern. A large island with crafted corbels gives guests plenty of sitting space while enjoying a glass of wine from the custom wine cabinet that separates the kitchen from the great room. Arches in the cabinets, doorways and niches help play out this Old World design, as does a curved step that leads from the kitchen down to the wood planked great room with its beautiful view of Lake Michigan.

DRIVING DIRECTIONS: From U.S.-31 & M-55 go west on U.S.-31 (Parkdale Ave) 9/10 mile to Lakeshore Rd. (M-110) turn right 1.8 miles to house on left.



24 Meyjes, Cadillac

309 Barbara St.

DESIGNER: Racquel Schroder Bregg, Cabinetry & Interiors of Michigan, Cadillac, 231-876-9488, cabinetryandinteriors.com

Bregg was charged with transforming the outdated kitchen in this Lake Cadillac home into a family-friendly cooking and gathering spot that is in keeping with the home's modern cottage feel. Removing a wall opened up a view of the lake and created space for a raised counter with seating and an inset apron-front sink. The cabinetry is a combination of rich espresso-stained select alder and white-painted maple that complements the home's white trim. Frosted glass in the upper cabinetry reflects views of the lake. A wide-stile shaker door hints at both the cottage and modern themes in this kitchen, and stainless appliances give a sleek Euro-style touch.

DRIVING DIRECTIONS: From M-55 & M-115 go east on M-55 (Sunnyside Dr.) 1.6 miles to Barbara St, turn left to house on left.



25 Riss, Houghton Lake

1378 Long Point Dr.

DESIGNER: Racquel Schroder Bregg, Cabinetry & Interiors of Michigan, Cadillac, 231-876-9488, cabinetryandinteriors.com

This rich-wood toned kitchen with its organic Arts and Crafts palette is a perfect fit for its Craftsman-style home. Bregg set the stage for the design with Michigan-made cherry cabinetry stained a deep burgundy. Beautiful solid surface countertops contrast handsomely with the wood, and an offset tumbled stone and slate backsplash lends a handmade, almost whimsical feel to the kitchen. Clean-lined stainless appliances add a hint of modernity to the Craftsman theme. Custom bookcases span one wall of this warm, homey kitchen. A custom table at the center of the room is set with dining chairs carved with the words relax, play and enjoy.

DRIVING DIRECTIONS: From Old U.S.-27 (N. Harrison Rd) & M-55 go north on U.S.-27 5 miles to Bradford Dr, turn right 4/10 mile to E. Houghton Lake Dr, turn left 3.2 miles to Long Point Dr., turn right 1 mile to house on left.

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Not Too Many Cooks



KITCHEN DESIGNER AND INTERIOR DESIGNER
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CONTRACTOR
David Skornia, David Skornia Builders, Boyne City, 231-582-9944

CABINETRY
Crystal Cabinetry, crystal-cabinets.com, through , Built In Design, Boyne City, 231-582-6961, builtindesign.net

INSTALLER
Todd Brown, Residential Specalties, Petoskey, 231-838-0897

COUNTERTOPS
Granite; Copper Canyon and Silver Taupe, Dwyer Marble, Farmington Hills, 248-476-4944, dwyer-marble.com

FABRICATOR
Marble Era Products Inc., marbleera.com

BACKSPLASH
Tumbled Marble/Metal

INSTALLER
Dino Franchino, Boyne City. 231-675-1832

HARDWARE
Top Knobs, topknobsusa.com

FLOORING
Chelsea Hardwood, Northern Michigan Hardwoods, Petoskey, 231-347-4575, nmhard-woods.com

APPLIANCES
Kitchen Aid, kitchenaid.com, through Built In Design, Boyne City, 231-582-6961, builtindesign.net

MAIN SINK
Franke, frankeksd.com

FAUCET
Grohe, groheamerica.com

LIGHTING
Hudson Valley, All Phase Electric, all-phasect.com

PAINT
Benjamin Moore, ben-jaminmoore.com








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A Kitchen Tale



DESIGNER
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CO-DESIGNER
Ken Richmond, AIA, Richmond and Associates Architects, Traverse City, 231-946-0400, richmond-architects.net

CONTRACTOR
Gerstner Development, Traverse City, 231-409-4100

CABINETRY, COUNTERTOPS, BACKSPLASH, HARDWARE
Lankford Design Group, Traverse City, 231-932-0470, lankfordgroup.com

FABRICATOR
Great Lakes Stainless, Traverse City, 231-943-7648, greatlakesstainless.com

PANTRY CABINETRY
Gary Bazett, Traverse City, 231-946-9153

PANTRY MIRROR
TC Mirror and Shower Door, Traverse City, 231-922-2182

FRENCH DOORS AND TRANSOMS
Kolbe & Kolbe, Old Mission Windows, Traverse City, 231-922-5002, oldmissionwindows.com

PLUMBER
D & W Mechanical

REFRIGERATOR
Sub-Zero 700, Max's Appliance, Traverse City, 231-947-6830, maxsservice.com



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Inner Cottage Reveal



DESIGNER
Robin Hissong Berry, CMKBD, Berry Nice Kitchens, Boyne City, 231-582-5807

CONTRACTOR
Marty Ernst, Ernst Construction, East Jordan, 231-536-7916

CABINETRY
Pioneer Cabinetry, Berry Nice Kitchens, Davison, pioneercabinetry.net

COUNTERTOPS AND SINK
Meganite, meganite.info

FABRICATOR
Michigan Solid Surface, Vanderbilt, 989-983-2092

HARDWARE
Century, century-hardware.com, through Berry Nice Kitchens Boyne City, 231-582-5807

REFRIGERATOR, COMPACTOR
Kenmore, sears.com

RANGE
GE Electric Smoothtop, Sears, sears.com

HOOD
Broan Stainless Slide-in, broan.com

MICROWAVE
GE JEM25, geappliances.com

DISHWASHER
Bosch, Sears, sears.com

FAUCET
Kohler K-690-BN, Vinnata,vinnata.com sears.com

STAINED GLASS CABINET DOOR PANEL
East Jordan Glassworks, 231-536-0539, jordanvalleyglassworks.com

Building 50 Redux



KITCHEN DESIGNER
Jennifer Henderson, Northwood Kitchens, Traverse City, 231-941-1470, northwoodkitchens.com

CONTRACTOR
Mam Contracting, Traverse City, 231-941-9700

CABINETRY
Brookhaven Cabinetry, wood-mode.com, through Northwood Kitchens, Traverse City, 231-941-1470, northwoodkitchens.com

SLATE COUNTERTOPS
Natures Edge Stone Products, Traverse City, 231-922-0052

APPLIANCES
GE Profile, geappliances.com

FAUCET AND SINK
Kohler, Ferguson, Traverse City, 231-946-1490, ferguson.com

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